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SUBJECT: NATO SYG CONGRATULATES KARZAI FOR BEING DECLARED
WINNER OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

11. (U) On November 2, NATO Secretary General Rasmussen issued a statement congratulating Hamid Karzai for being declared the winner of Afghanistan's presidential election by Afghan Independent Election Commission. Rasmussen also said that NATO will continue to work in support of the Afghan government and the Afghan people to help them build a safer, more secure future.

12. (U) The full text of the Secretary General's statement follows:

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Statement by the Secretary General on the Afghan Election Result

I have taken note of the decision by the Afghan Independent Election Commission to declare Mr Hamid Karzai the winner of the Presidential election.

I congratulate President Karzai on this outcome. NATO will continue to work in support of the Afghan Government and the Afghan people to help them build a safer, more secure future, including by encouraging greater progress in improving governance and fighting corruption.

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